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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: REDUCTION OF OXIDATIVE STRESS FACTORS

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: GROUP ART UNIT: 1651

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: EXAMINER: MARX

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated January 14, 2002, Applicants elect, with  
traverse, Group I, Claims 1-4, 6, and 11-14.

**REMARKS**

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

- Group I: Claims 1-4, 6, and 11-14, drawn to a use of a bacterial strain to reduce the level of oxidative stress factors and to reduce the reactive oxygen species in blood;
- Group II: Claim 5, drawn to the use of a bacterial strain to reduce IL-6 in blood;
- Group III: Claim 7, drawn to the use of a bacterial strain to reduce adhesion of monocytes to endothelial cells;
- Group IV: Claim 8, drawn to the use of a bacterial strain for prophylaxis/treatment of chronic inflammatory diseases;
- Group V: Claim 9, drawn to the use of a bacterial strain for prophylaxis/treatment of rheumatic diseases; and
- Group VI: Claim 10, drawn to the use of a bacterial strain for prophylaxis/treatment of psoriasis.

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